Lois resorts to all sorts of activities to keep off boredom. I sing for a bit from the Yellowstone Song Book to keep my moral up. Lunch in a dirty hot hole Holyoke. Conversation sets in about interesting people. Stop in Holdredge for gas + sodas at very nice Hotel Coffee Shop. I feel quite human again with my face washed + a malted milk inside me. Wasn't able to eat much lunch. On our way again we pronto run into a big dust storm whose uncle is a hard working twister. We close all windows for a Turkish bath in passing thru. Quite a pretty sight because its not too big. The farmhouses stand out starkly against the yel. sky. On the other side the sky is still dark, the wind whipping the wheat + little trees + corn. Then comes a blissful shower to cool the air! Have noticed a great many dead jack rabbits along the road, but no live ones. We've seen them before but these are so big at first I thought they were dogs. Stopped for the night Hastings, Neb. at the Show Boat Cabins. Took last available. Every one amazed that we want 2 or 3 cabins for 5 people. Not one? It must be the usual practice to cram a whole carload into one. Supper at the Clark Hotel in town. My beautiful big appetite has gone. Here at the cabin are a kitten & buff pup to play with. 1st place we have been supplied with electric fans. 417 mile

July 22nd

Happy Birthday to me! says every one. Back to the hotel for breakfast where they heaped before me my gifts. I was so happy! Brent gave me a Zuni knife wing bird pin that I had oggled over at Kaibab. It's a honey. Robt & Adelle had picked out a stunning pin & red seed necklace + Lois offered 2 very nice handky which I am more than thankful to get. The older I get, the better birthdays seem to get.

It has been amusing along the way to note the population on the signs of the various towns we pass thru. The best was Red Willow - 9, another 35. Not much to say about this territory - pretty much the same. Going thru Lincoln, Neb. we drive around to see the Stat. Cap. Bldg. It's really quite impressive with gold dome, bl. mosaic, & statue of sower on top. This is subj. for symbol on the licences. Getting warm again - Pass Boys Town. Father Flannegan just outside Omaha-

Impressed at the great many bldgs, & new chapel being built. Stop for lunch at an air conditioned place, thank goodness! The heat has ganged up pretty bad. We make a 2 3/4 hr. stop in Omaha at Prent's Uncle Miller Prentice's. Very nice visit

3.45 Braving the heat we set out once more. Cross the Missouri R. at Council Bluffs into Iowa I seem to feel the heat so much more than the dry dry desert heat. Rich rolling farmlands. Tall

& wheat stacks. A cute little hound puppy almost departed with his life under our wheels. Rent honked & jammed on his brakes. It looked as if he went between the wheels. I was afraid he was gone, Lois looked & said he was scared but OK. Whew! This a.m. we had to stop for a crazy bunch of hogs to get out of the way. Killed a big snake & a red headed bird. Seems to be a bad day for animals. Looking for cabins now, quite difficult. We "do" the town of Winterset quite thoroly. It leaves us cold (figuratively) So on we push back to route 6, we had left it to avoid cities, but thru this nice farming country people don't care whether tourists sleep or not. This is quite beautiful. The alternate squares of corn & wheat are edged here & there with honest-to-goodness trees. The farmhouses are more prosperous looking, too. Into Des Moines that's big & dirty looking. Finally Uncle Tom's Cabins - 318 mi. awful outside - nice in.

July 23rd

Another hot day. Radio in little breakfast place chatters of how ~~our~~ the heat affects crops. The towns are getting closer & we slip them off in no time. I have discovered that the AAA tour book is interesting to follow progress in.

11. Cross the Mississippi at Davenport & Moline. Swarms of bugs at toll gate crawling all over attendant. Illinois seems flatter but many more trees. Princeton where we have lunch has high arched shade trees, the town pk. looking very much like Princeton, N.J.

It was too bloody hot to do any writing in the afternoon. When the natives themselves complain about the heat it must be something. [illegible]

We had another hard job finding cabins. We made 3 stops, each getting worse

[illegible]

occupied. Lovely town, thru here. Lunch at Hotel in Fremont. Reading Post I am quite surprised to see the beautiful green Lake Erie

we all taking better. What
we do take however. a [illegible]
pretty good the very night.
Place filled up with N. J.
cars + a N. Y.

Plymouth, Ind.
Almost hit Chicago -
Hts. - Violin, guitar,
trumpet along the road

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of bugs at toll gate [illegible]
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July 24th

A 6 o'clock start to day
This is the 1st time we've
stuck to what we said
we'd do. A big freight
train was a wonderful
alarm clock. Appears to
be another dusey of
a day for heat com-
ing up. All sorts of
games to keep us
occupied. Lovely
towns thru here. Lunch
at Hotel in Friedmont.
Reading Post I am quite
surprised to see the
beautiful green Lake
Erie

Robt in favor of stopping for a dip, but the powers that be veto him down. It would be mighty nice think I. Well, we suffered thru Cleveland, which has lovely suburbs, but it seemed endless & I'm sure we hit every red light. But we drank what water there was played more games, sang & pretty soon were in rolling country. Just this side of Penn. line in Cherry Lane (Ohio) we stop for gas. Attendant complains of heat when ther. says 88°. We say thank goodness! We really feel as if we're nearing home now, after Penna is a neighbor. Stop at Meadville for night in a tourist home after Lois gets fine. Mi. 326 Lois & I have a bull session before bed on men.

Signs

Often a change is better than a rest

DINE OUT TONIGHT!

Thurs. July 25th

Sneezed 30 times before
breakfast. To-day is the
next to the last lap.
Thru the nice rolling
hills of Pa. Much wooded
cooler today for which
we're thankful. No more
problems re when to spend
the night. Tonight we
will stay at Aunt Grace's
in Dalton & to-morrow
home. Cooler going thru the
mt. Very pretty country.
2 stops to say hello to
friends of Ina & Bert
Home to Dalton good - bed
11:30

Fri. July 26th

Up at 7:30 my! my!
feeling as if I could
sleep 10 more hrs. Still
hot & muggy. Leave
Dalton 9 - for the last
lap of the journey taking
Aunt Grace with us.
Bert will drive right back
after depositing us &
baggage.